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NEW AT COLLEGE

It's always exciting to see God calling young men and women to serve Him as evangelists, and we'd like you to meet our newest recruits.

Jenny Thomson, Carol Tokley, Jenny Dawson

JENNY THOMSON comes from Lismore, N.S.W., and formerly from Parramatta (a Sydney suburb).

After high school, Jenny spent a year at Lismore Technical College, doing typing and shorthand, and then worked as a secretary at the Lismore City Council Library.

Music (she plays the piano and guitar), sewing and stamp collecting are her hobbies.

Jenny has been very involved in her local Parish - Senior and Junior G.F.S.(Girls' Friendly Society), Choir, Youth Leader for 13 - 15 years, member of Senior Fellowship and sometimes assistant Leader, Secretary for Senior Fellowship for 12 months, Sunday School teacher for 3½ years, Parish Councillor for 6 months, Parish Mission Secretary for 6 months, and a Camp leader on Diocesan Youth Camps.

CAROL TOKLEY is from Wagga, and, since leaving school, has worked for 3 months as a "nanny"/housekeeper on a large property, 30 miles out of town. She also completed an Advanced Secretarial Course.

Her hobbies? - teaching herself the guitar, cooking, reading, meeting people, sewing, craft work, finding out new things, adventures.

Carol led a Youth Group for Year 1 and 2 students, as well as being active in the Church, and attending a fellowship group at another church for her own learning and experience.

JENNY DAWSON is from Henderson, a suburb of Auckland, and is in training for the New Zealand Church Army. She has also lived in Fiji for 6½ years.

Since school she has:- completed 6 months' nursing training at Karatane Hospital, worked for 4½ years as a nurse's aid at Bethany (working with unmarried mothers and babies), been a stock controller in a department store, spent 15 months with the Order of St. Stephen - a voluntary Order for people wishing to do short-term Christian service. For the 7 months prior to entering College, Jenny worked in a hostel for intellectually handicapped adults in Wellington.

Her interests are swimming, tennis, hiking, learning the guitar, singing, and she has been a Sunday School teacher and worked with the Girls' Brigade.

PHILLIP JACKSON (at left) is from the suburb of Ashcroft in the Green Valley area on the outskirts of Sydney, and has also attended Youth Fellowship and Church in the Parish of Pymble, in Sydney.

Phillip plays the drums and is also very keen on rock music.

Since leaving school, he has been a shop assistant and section head at Waltons, a supervisor at Target, a store manager for Palings, and a bread salesman for Tip Top Bakery.

Phillip was a C.E.B.S. Leader (Church of England Boys' Society) for 4 years, and has been on the staff of 9 Camps for Disabled Children.

THE AERIAL MINISTRY: You probably read Captain Kevin Cullen's article in The Pioneer dated September 1977, about his calling to an "aerial ministry", the gift of the free use of a new Cessna aircraft for his work, and his hopes for the future in a ministry involving the leading of evangelistic and healing missions in many areas of Australia.

Kevin and his ministry are off the ground! He is based in Lismore, northern New South Wales - a strategic place, because he is a one day flight from Tasmania, most of Queensland, and many other parts. He is employed part-time by the local Parish, who have provided him and his family with a house, and pay half of his salary and car costs. And the rest of the costs? - at least $11,000 for ½ salary, ½ car costs, and plane costs. The Church Army has taken a step in faith, believing that God has called Kevin to this ministry and that He will provide all that is necessary.

Captain Kevin Cullen & the plane.

After the Admitting & Commissioning Service - (Back) College Principal, Bishop Shearman, Federal Secretary. (Front) Staff Sister, Sister Lyn Russell.

Sister Lyn Bullard & children.

ORDINATIONS:

Following a resolution of the Board some time ago, allowing Officers in special situations to apply to seek ordination (while still remaining Officers of the Church Army):-

The Rev. Captain Arthur Malcolm was made a Deacon on Sunday, 12th March;

Captain John McKnight will be made a Deacon on Sunday, 14th May.

Captain Mattinson - Staff Captain, Administration Officer & Deputationist.

Students - singing in the Square.

Burgmann House Hostel, Newcastle.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Following is a suggested Calendar of Prayer for use over a period of 5 days:

MONDAY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUST. The Most Rev. Sir Frank Woods

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: See names on page 11.

THE SEVEN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

FEDERAL OFFICE:

Federal Secretary, Captain R.L. Gwilt Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, June, Stephen, Andrew & Timothy.

Staff Sister, Sister P.A. Free.

Staff Captain, Captain B. Mattinson, Mrs. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick & Stuart.

Office Staff, Mrs. L. Brophey, Mrs. H. Carroll.

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TUESDAY

NEWCASTLE, GRAFTON & GOSFORD BOOKSHOPS

Manager, Captain N.A.R. Payne, Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark & Elizabeth.

Bookshop Staff: Mr. I. Lean, Mrs. M. Dunn, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. P. Coulson, Miss S. Hunter, & voluntary staff.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
Captain & Mrs. R. Harris, Glenda & Kerrie.
Sister B.J. Rilatt.

CHILDREN'S HOMES:

Burwood Children's Home, Vic. - Sister N.J. Bridges.
St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld. - The Rev. Captain N. Polgen.

YOUTH WORK:
Sister L. Bullard - St. John's Hostel, Forbes, & St. John's Parish, Forbes.

WEDNESDAY

ABORIGINAL WORK:

Yarrabah, Nth Qld. - Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew & Ruth.

Enmore/Stanmore & Christ Church St. Laurence Parishes - Captain A. Polgen

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM:
Factories at Granville, Cabramatta, Homebush, & Qantas Workshops, N.S.W. - Captain D.O. Quayle.

"ALTERNATIVE CULTURE" GROUPS EVANGELISM: Binna Burra, N.S.W. - Captain J. McKnight.

RETIRED OFFICERS AND WIDOWS:
Mrs. M. Cowland Mrs. C. Fisk
The Rev. & Mrs. A.W. Batley
Sister G.A. Phillpot Sister E.N. Bacon
Sister M. Pritchard Sister I.B.Johnson
Sister E. Campbell (part-time in Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.)

THURSDAY

AERIAL MINISTRY
with part-time parish work, Lismore, N.S.W. - Captain & Mrs. K. Cullen, Anthony & Belinda.

PARISH EVANGELISM:

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Mayfield - Captain T. Brooks
Emmaville - Captain & Mrs. L. Fernance, Faith & Warren
Hurstville - Captain & Mrs. J. Harding
Blacktown - Captain & Mrs. D. Hinchliffe, Andrew & Darren
(Awaiting appointment) Sister F. Herman

VICTORIA:
Lara - Captain C. Thiele

QUEENSLAND:
Toowoomba - Sister L. Russell

ANNUAL REPORT

As much of the Federal Secretary's Annual Report has appeared previously in The Pioneer, as "News and Notes" or as part of other articles, the following is only part of it. However, anyone wishing a copy of the full Report may write to the Federal Secretary (address on page 11).

PERSONNEL & ACTIVITIES: The number of active Officers was reduced by six resignations during the course of the year and by one Officer returning to the United Kingdom at the end of her agreed two year period in Australia. Four new Officers were commissioned and we therefore finished the year with an active strength of 24 Officers.

MEMBERSHIP: To more closely involve the Officers in the life of the Society, the Board increased the permitted number of Members to 200 and resolved that all Officers who have completed a minimum of seven years' commissioned service be invited to become Members of the Society. This enables such Officers to attend and vote at the Society's Annual General Meetings.

MISSIONS, CAMPS, etc.: Five missions were held in parishes in the Dioceses of Sydney, Newcastle, Gippsland and Canberra/Goulburn. In all these, groups of our students were also involved. In addition, two weekend (or mini) missions were held in the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle. A field Officer was also involved in leading or sharing in a number of short Healing Missions in parishes in the Bathurst Diocese. Two Camps for Crippled Children were organised and led by Sister Free and some students and two Officers assisted.

The College Principal shared in the leadership of the National Christian Youth Convention in Canberra in January, 1977. He served as an Executive Member of the Convention.

FLYING MINISTRY: Captain Cullen, serving in the Forbes Parish, was given the use of a new Cessna 172 Skyhawk four-seater airplane as from January 1977, for use in Gospel ministry. This now makes possible earlier thoughts of developing an aerial ministry and the idea is being vigorously pursued.

COLLEGE OF EVANGELISM: As foreshadowed in last year's Report, the name of the College was changed by the Board to The Church Army College of Evangelism.

For the first time ever, the College accepted non-Church Army external students for some day-time and evening lectures in Th.A. subjects. Twelve people undertook these lectures and it is anticipated that a larger number will be enrolled for the 1978 College year.

The Australian College of Theology accepted the College as an approved College for the Diploma in Ministry studies.

Excellent examination results were obtained by the students at the end of 1976 and very good reports from their supervisors in practical work.

BOOKSHOPS: Once again we were indebted to the Manager, Captain Payne, and his staff for another very successful year of Bookshop trading and ministry. The total sales from the three shops were $109,017.

Captain Payne visited the U.S.A. and England in December 1976 and January 1977, to attend Conferences of Christian Booksellers in both countries.

FINANCE: Appeals etc. - The 1976 Birthday and Christmas Appeals totalled $5,985. The other welcome support of our subscribers showed an increase, as did allocations from Dioceses and Parishes.

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